

REMARKS

Pending claim 1 calls for providing cellular repeaters in a plurality of vehicles, said repeaters to repeat cellular telephone signals from another vehicle. Those repeaters receive cellular transmissions from other vehicles and forward those transmissions to proximate cellular towers.

Claim 1 was rejected under Section 102, based on Hatano, despite the fact that Hatano does not teach cellular repeaters to repeat cellular telephone signals from another vehicle or to forward signals to proximate cellular towers.

To the contrary, Hatano cannot possibly relate to a cellular telephone system. This is made quite clear in Hatano at the top of column 3, wherein he says he uses digital signals “whose frequency is too high to be transmitted by telephone systems.” Instead, as indicated at column 3, line 15, his system uses mobile wireless radio.

It is clear that Hatano could not possibly relate to cellular technology because he states that the order station 15 selects a mobile station 14 which is near the last position of the uncommunicable mobile station 14A and “calls the selected mobile station 14.” Of course, this would be impossible in a cellular system if the uncommunicable mobile station was, in fact, uncommunicable. That is because the call would have to go back through the cellular tower, back to the uncommunicable mobile system, simply repeating the communication failure that already occurred. Instead of using cellular repeaters, a mobile radio system is utilized in Hatano.

Since Hatano does not teach a cellular system and, in fact, his proposal could not possibly work in a cellular system, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of claim 1 be reconsidered.

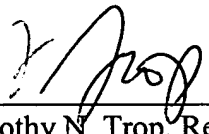
Claim 7 was rejected under Section 103 over the combination of Hatano or Khamis. Neither reference nor their combination teaches an antenna to repeat a cellular telephone signal to or from a second vehicle. Therefore, reconsideration of the rejection of claim 7 is respectfully requested.

Claim 12 was rejected on the same combination but, again, neither reference nor their combination teaches repeaters to receive and transmit cellular telephone calls from vehicles other than the vehicle in which the repeater is installed. Khamis forwards them over a non-cellular frequency band to a remote receiver. Therefore, neither Hatano or Khamis teach the use of a cellular repeater in the fashion claimed.

In view of these remarks, the application should now be in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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